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# **Perry's Catalogue**

## *Select Strawberry Plants and Sweet Potato Plants*

### *Catskill*

The Best and Most Outstanding  
Mid-season Variety.



# **BASIL PERRY**

**GEORGETOWN**

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**DELAWARE**



# Description of Varieties

**PREMIER (Early)** — Introduced more than twenty years ago. Every strawberry grower has heard of Premier for it is largely planted in almost all sections, and by almost all strawberry growers. It is one of the best and most popular varieties ever introduced and claimed by many to be without an equal for any purpose. It is a great success in almost all sections and on any soil. The plants are good growers, large and heavy-rooted. It ripens with the earliest, is very productive, the fruit is large and of delicious flavor, firm, a good keeper, ships well and sells for good prices. Many claim it is the most profitable variety they have ever grown. If you want a good early variety that is not easily killed by frost, and one that bears through a long season you will make no mistake in planting Premier. On all soils and under all conditions I do not believe any of the newer varieties of the same season are as good as Premier.

**HOWARD 17.** — This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

**DORSETT (Early)** — This new variety stands at the top in quality. Better than any other commercial kind except Fairfax which has equal quality. For this reason Dorsett is one of the best for home garden and for local markets. When sold by name buyers will come back for more. Many claim it is as early as Premier but with us it starts two days later than Premier. Fruit somewhat darker than Premier but not as dark as Fairfax. Dorsett lasts through a long season holding on until most of the late varieties are about through. This variety makes very large strong plants and for this reason produces very large berries. They are firm enough to stand shipment to distant markets and arrive in good condition.

**FAIRFAX (Early)** — Unquestionably the firmest and finest quality berry we have grown. Berries are very large and uniform, holding their size well to the end of the season. The flesh is exceedingly firm and meaty, excelling Dorsett in this respect. Ripens with Premier or a few days later in some localities. A good canning variety. Plants large and vigorous. Probably its chief fault lies in its color which is rather dark and with a tendency to become more so after being picked. A good commercial variety and one of the finest for home use.

**BIG JOE (Midseason)** — One of the most popular shipping berries on nearly all large markets. It is a strong grower, making plenty of plants for a good fruiting bed. The berries are large, bright red and have large, light green caps, which makes the berries very attractive and adds to the selling price. The quality is good and the berries are quite firm. It is a good shipper and equally good for fancy local market purposes. One of the most productive.

**CATSKILL (Midseason to Late)** — A Sure Cropper. The largest, most productive, and most profitable mid-season berry.

Was originated by the New York Exp. Station where it has been grown for several years and is highly recommended for its size, yield and attractiveness. Catskill is a cross of Marshall and Premier and must take its fruiting abilities after Premier for it is a heavy producer and in tests made has even outyielded that variety and seems to be second to none in yield under normal conditions. The berries are large in size, bright red in color with a bright green cap that makes an attractive appearance and of excellent quality and flavor. The plant growth is unusually vigorous with long fibrous roots that penetrate deep into the soil making them drought resistant. The foliage is healthy and vigorous, makes plants freely.

**CHESAPEAKE (Late)** — One of the handsomest and best flavored varieties. Nearly as late as Gandy, larger and just as firm, much more productive and without green tips. Berries are uniform in size and shape and are bright crimson in color.

**NEW YORK** — This is the sweetest strawberry grown. The plant is a vigorous grower, producing a moderate number of large, healthy plants. The berries are medium to large in size, dark red in color, but only moderately firm in texture. New York is a home garden berry. It is the only strawberry we know of that is sweet before it gets red. We have many calls for New York from those whose health does not permit them to eat berries which are in any way tart or acid in quality.

**CORSICAN** — This berry is exactly the same as New York.





**MASTODON (Everbearing)** — Is still the most popular and extensively planted of all the everbearing varieties holding about the same position among the everbearers that Premier has among the spring varieties. Gem from my experience is a close second and would recommend giving it a thorough trial, but Mastodon has been tried for several years and is a proven money maker. Plants set this spring should begin to bear fruit soon after being set but for best results blossoms should be removed until about July first when they can be allowed to fruit and from then on to freezing weather will have blossoms, green berries in all stages of growth and ripe berries at the same time. Berries are large size, fairly firm and of good quality. Another reason that makes Mastodon a safe variety to plant is that it will not only produce a big fall crop but will bear a heavy crop in the spring, ripening in mid-season, that will compare very favorably with most of the spring bearing varieties. The plants are large with long deep roots that enable them to withstand drouth. The foliage is low and spreading which protects blossoms and berries from frost and cold in the fall.

**GEM. An Early Highly Productive New Everbearing.** This new everbearing strawberry is an outstanding variety, and is far ahead of all other everbearing sorts, with the possible exception of Mastodon. They are large in size, very uniform, bright sparkling red, and with a mild rich flavor. The berries are firm, stand shipping well, and sell for the highest prices in the market. The plants are hardy, disease resistant, and produces great crops of berries as well as being prolific plant producers. We urge you to try some of these fine berries this year.

**WAYZATA** — This new everbearing Strawberry was originated in Minnesota, where it has stood the test of extreme cold weather and has always produced a good crop of berries in the fall months of first year set and another nice crop the following spring. The fruit is extra large in size and bright rich red in color. It can also be classed as a good shipping variety, being very solid and of excellent quality. Wayzata makes very few runner plants, producing most of its berries on even strong crown shoots growing up from the main plant, for this reason it can be set 10 to 12 inches apart and a large crop of berries produced from a small area. A space 10 feet by 10 feet, set with 100 Wayzata should produce for you from 75 to 100 quarts of berries. Owing to the shy plant making ability of Wayzata, the propagating stock is scarce and high in price. Therefore, would advise ordering early if you intend on setting Wayzata for your crop of berries this summer and fall.



## PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

	By Parcel Post			By Parcel Post or Express			
	25	50	100	Purchaser to Pay	Charges		
	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants
Premier .....	\$0.40	\$0.60	\$1.10	\$0.90	\$3.50	\$7.00	\$32.50
Howard 17 .....	.40	.60	1.10	.90	3.50	7.00	32.50
Big Joe .....	.40	.60	1.10	.90	3.50	7.00	32.50
Catskill .....	.40	.60	1.10	.90	3.50	7.00	32.50
Fairfax .....	.40	.60	1.10	.90	3.50	7.00	32.50
Dorsett .....	.40	.60	1.10	.90	3.50	7.00	35.00
Chesapeake .....	.40	.65	1.20	1.00	4.00	8.00	40.00
New York (Corsican) .....	.40	.65	1.20	1.00	4.00	8.00	40.00
Mastodon (Everbearing) .....	.50	.80	1.50	1.25	5.00	10.00	50.00
Gem (Everbearing) .....	.50	.80	1.50	1.25	5.00	10.00	50.00
Wayzata (Everbearing) .....	1.50	2.60	5.00				

Owing to an unusually severe drouth this past summer and fall the strawberry plant crop is very short all over the country, probably not over 40% of normal. This together with increased cost of all packing materials and labor makes it imperative that prices be advanced. When conditions warrant these prices will be reduced. To save yourself disappointment in not getting what you want for spring planting your orders should be placed early.

### MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Are always grown in new beds,  
Are fresh dug at time of shipment,  
Are planted in blocks and kept pure,  
Are sold at as low a price as we can name,  
And furnish good plants.

## Sweet Potato Plants

**YELLOW JERSEY** — A heavy yielder of well shaped yellowish gold color Potatoes that are good dry and mealy when cooked.

**NANCY HALL** — An old favorite of uniform excellence, yellow skin, meat sweet and of amber yellow color.

**PORTO RICO YAMS** — A very popular variety. Deep orange flesh. Sweet, mellow and of fine flavor.

Price either variety: 75c per 100; 200 for \$1.25; 500 for \$2.25; 1000 for \$4.00. Postpaid. Plants ready about May 20th.

**Terms**—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

**Our Prices**—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

**Our Stock** is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

### STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE NURSERY CERTIFICATE

To Whom It May Concern:

Dover, Del., August 30, 1941.

This Certifies that I have this day examined the Nursery Stock grown by Basil Perry, at Georgetown, Delaware, Sussex County, consisting of Strawberries and that said Nursery Stock is apparently free from dangerous injurious insects and diseases. The following person or company **BASIL PERRY** certifies that the Nursery Stock contained in this shipment was taken from the stock which passed inspection. This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause and is invalid after Aug. 31, 1942.

S. L. HOPPERSTEAD, Inspector.

Our plants are certified. A copy of our State Certificate accompanies every shipment.